

JEAN ELIOT'S CHRONICLES OF CAPITAL SOCIETY DOINGS

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mons. Mrs. Arthur Graham (Blagow) is also one of her patronesses. She knew the artist in London when she was giving readings of recitals there's really no properly expressive term for the delightful programs showing the negro at work and at play which she puts on—at such important houses as Lady Ludlow's and Princess Dolgorouki's, appearing on the professional stage and everywhere meeting with remarkable success.

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For the rest, Miss Alexander is a stranger to Washington, but she could not be introduced under happier auspices and there's a genuine treat in store for her audience in addition to those already mentioned, the list of patronesses includes Mrs. Josephus Daniels, Mrs. George Barnett, Mrs. Breckinridge Long, Miss Mabel Board-

man, Mrs. Henry F. Dimock, Mrs. Stephen R. Ekins, Mrs. Marshall Field, Mrs. William Belden Noble, Mrs. Henry Rea, Mrs. Robert M. Thompson and Lady Willert.

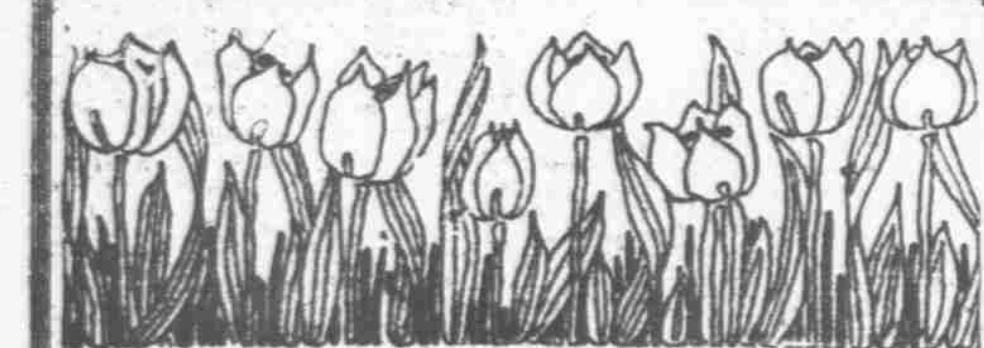
From the time the United States entered the war until the signing of the armistice, Miss Alexander gave up her professional engagements and devoted her time and talents to soldier work, making her headquarters in San Diego, Cal. She started in by giving occasional entertainments for the soldiers, sailors and marines, but before long she was organizing military balls at frequent intervals, arranging bathing parties for the boys of the service and groups of pretty girls, getting up picnics, theatricals and all sorts of parties and conducting daily tea dances at the palm garden of one of San Diego's big hotels. Among the marines at San Diego, who were Miss Alexander's particular proteges, she was known as "the mother of sunshine."

Miss Alexander has a simple, friendly way of coming before her audience and explaining how she learned the nature and the speech of the negro of the old South, having been born on a cotton plantation in Mississippi and been pelted and spoiled all through her childhood by an old black mammy. And she presents these strange mid-night children to her audience, with all their humor and their pathos, with a sure touch which proves her to be an actress of great ability. Her voice is exceedingly melodious, and in singing dainty melodies she manages to reproduce all the sonorous swing, the strain of weirdness, the utter sweet-

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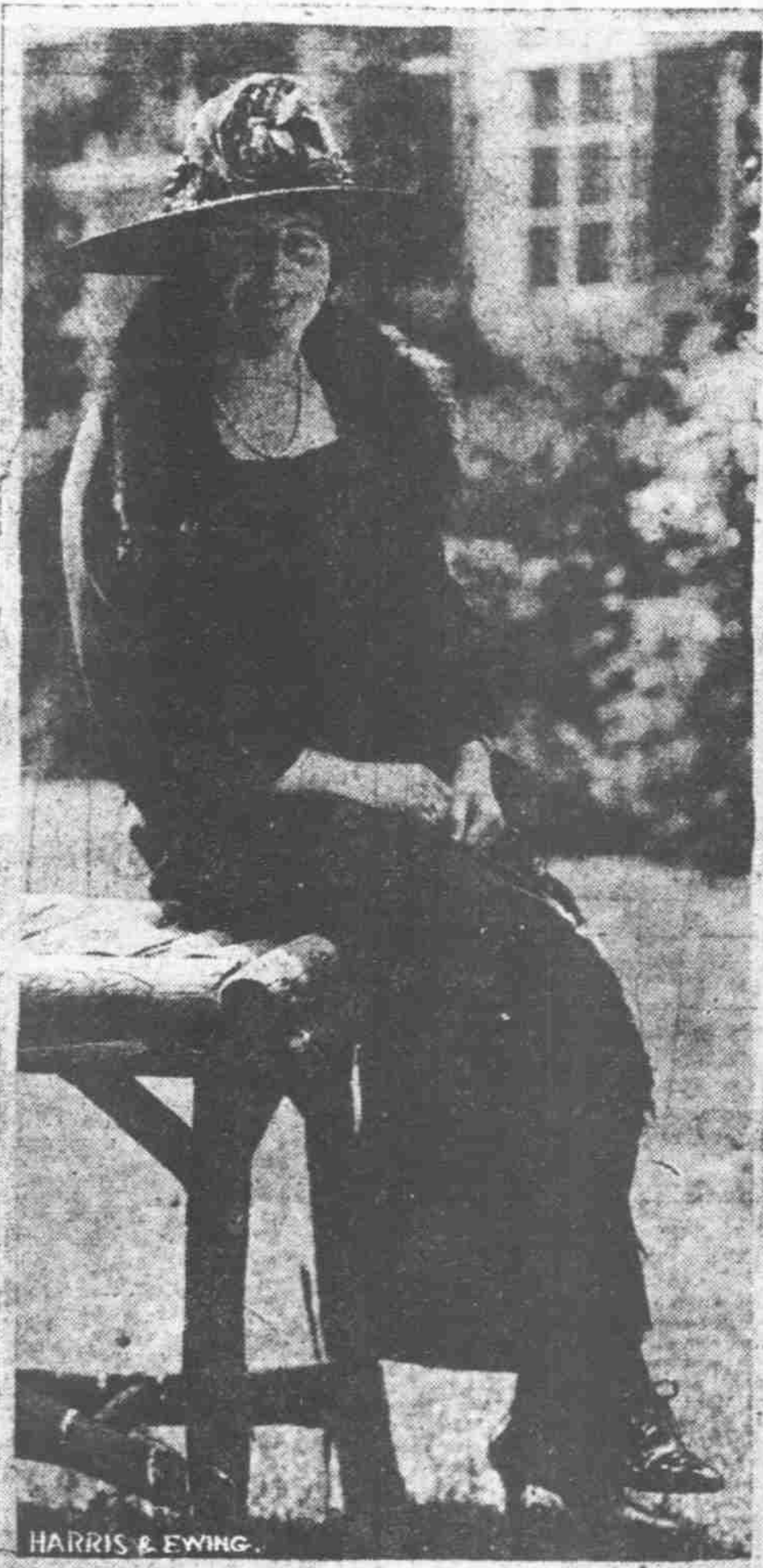
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ness which are the characteristic qualities of the negro's tones. She has found real poetry in the folklore of the negro of the Southern States, and she is the perfect interpreter for that, sweet singer of the negro race, Paul Lawrence Dunbar, many of whose verses are in her repertoire.

Curiously enough, Miss Alexander made perhaps the greatest hit of her career in London. The English people were crazy about her work and flocked to hear her when she appeared on the professional stage, usually in connection with some artist of the first rank—for instance she did a "curtain raiser" with Forbes Robertson for a long time. And her drawing room performances were all the rage with smart London society. Indeed, on one occasion when she gave a recital quite on her own responsibility she had eight duchesses in the audience.

H. R. H. Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, sister of the late King Edward, H. R. H. Princess Henry of Battenberg, H. R. H. the Duchess of Albany, H. R. H. Princess Alexander of Teck, and H. R. H. Prince

Francis of Teck were among her English patrons and patronesses and—but why make a long story longer?—Tomorrow morning—don't forget—at 10:45, Miss Janet Richards will lecture at the Knickerbocker Theater for the benefit of the fund for relief in the Near East. She will speak on the five issues of the day—and Miss Richards always has something vital and illuminating to contribute to any such discussion. The lecture has been arranged by a group of prominent women in the interest for the campaign to care for the starving women and children of Armenia, Syria, etc., and there's a long and imposing list of patronesses. Two little Armenian orphans who are living comfortably and happily in Washington will appear as "exhibit A" to point the moral of what can be accomplished by generosity and benevolence.

June Week at Annapolis and the girls have come into their own once more! For two years the midshipmen at the Naval Academy have completed their course, donned their ensign's uniforms, and put to sea with nothing to mark the great event in their lives, but their diplomas. This year, however, they were able to forget the war, to cram as much joy into one week as possible, and girls again assumed the position of importance in their lives that they should rightly occupy.

June week, I'm sure, has never been so gay, the girls never looked so pretty, nor the grounds at the Academy hall so beautiful. Fond parents gathered from the four corners of the earth to see "our son" graduate into the navy, and sisters and sweethearts were there in droves.

June week was, as usual, ushered in on Monday, with a reception to the board of visitors and this was followed by competitive drills, informal hops, a heavenly garden party at the home of the superintendent of the Academy, and Mrs. Archibald Scobie, balls galore and all the pleasant parties which go to make graduation memorable. On Thursday the colors were presented to the winning company of midshipmen, the honor of making the presentation falling to Harriet Love, daughter of Col. and Mrs. James M. Love, formerly of Alexandria. She is a niece of Mrs. Henry Lebourgeois.

The class German—the graduating class, of course—is always one of the

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gayest events of the week. It was given Thursday evening in Dahlgren Hall, and on Friday night came the June Ball, the largest of the season and perhaps the event of June week. This took place in the armory, which was hung in green and yellow bunting and banked with palms and fir trees until it seemed a fairy place. Supper was served on the lawn adjoining.

The favors for the class cotillion were silver card cases engraved with the class crest, and American beauty roses. The roses were banked at one end of the hall to form the class number, 1920, and their distribution was part of one of the prettiest figures. After they were given out, the men and girls lined up to form an archway, the girls using the gay red roses, and the budding officers, the swords which they had just earned the right to use.

A pleasant incident of the graduation exercises on Friday morning was the fact that three of the graduates received their diplomas from the hands of their fathers. The lads thus favored were Thomas Baldwin Brittain, Jr., son of Rear Admiral Brittain and the sons of Congressman Lennel P. Padgett and Capt. DeWitt Clinton Redgrave.

The Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Daniels went to Annapolis for graduation, and Mrs. Daniels remained over for the June ball, staying with Mrs. Ecales. Mrs. Edward W. Eberle, wife of a former superintendent of the Academy, was also the guest of Mrs. Scobie. Commander and Mrs. Edwin H. Tillman went down to see their son, Ensign E. H. Tillman, Jr., gradu-

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